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NEWS ITEMS

Joseph E. Kirkwood, Ph.D., Columbia, 1903, has been appointed assistant professor of forestry and botany in the University of Montana. He was formerly professor of botany in Syracuse University and for a time a botanical investigator for the Continental-Mexican Rubber Company.

Mr. William T. Horne, who was fellow in botany in Columbia University in 1903-'04, has resigned his position as chief of the department of plant pathology of the Cuban Agricultural Experiment Station and has accepted an appointment as assistant professor of plant pathology in the University of California.

Tropical Life announces a prize of fifty pounds sterling for an essay embodying research work directed towards ascertaining exactly what changes (together with their causes and whether these changes occur during the fermentation process only or while being dried) take place in the cacao bean between the time that it leaves the pod until it is shoveled into the bag for export. For further information those interested may address the editor of *Tropical Life*, 112 Fenchurch St., E. C. London.

The joint field meeting of the Vermont Botanical and Bird Clubs was held July 6 and 7, with headquarters at Burlington. The sessions were planned to fit in between the two most important days of the Champlain Tercentenary Celebration. The first day was occupied with an excursion to Ausable Chasm, New York. In the evening a short business meeting was held in the Museum of the University of Vermont. Wednesday morning the party went by trolley to Ethan Allen Park, then tramped through the woods down to Eagle Bay, and along the lake shore back to Burlington. In the afternoon, the party, somewhat reduced in number, visited the very interesting High Bridge region, and the *Woodwardia* pond at Fort Ethan Allen, Colchester. Both days were cool, and such unusual July weather contributed much to the enjoyment of the forty persons in attendance.